

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 520

BY ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION  
54-1016, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

54-1016. EXEMPTIONS. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to  
apply to:

(a) Any regulated utility, telephone company, rural telephone cooper-  
ative or municipal communications utility, or its employees, in the in-  
stallation or maintenance of communication circuits, wires and appara-  
tus by or for such entities or their communications service customers;

(b) Any electrical public utility, or its employees, in the instal-  
lation and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, apparatus and  
equipment by or for such public utility, or comprising a part of its  
plants, lines or system;

(c) Modular buildings as defined in section 39-4301, Idaho Code, that  
are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites  
outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be  
installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been ap-  
proved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in  
compliance with the requirements set forth in section 39-4304, Idaho  
Code;

(d) The installation, maintenance and wiring for landscape sprinkler  
controls or communications circuits, wires and apparatus that include  
telephone systems, telegraph facilities, outside wiring for fire and  
security and sound systems, radio and television systems, public ad-  
dress and intercom systems, data communications systems, antenna sys-  
tems, fiber optics and similar systems.

(2) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(a) Any property owner performing electrical work in the owner's pri-  
mary or secondary residence or associated outbuildings;

(b) Any person regularly employed as a maintenance electrician per-  
forming electrical maintenance work on the premises of the person's  
employer;

(c) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal  
communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees  
of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under  
the exclusive control of the telephone company, rural telephone cooper-  
ative, or municipal communications utility;

(d) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal  
communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employ-

ees of the subsidiaries performing repair work on customer-owned facilities at the request of the customer;

(e) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, municipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under the exclusive control of the electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, or municipal power utility; and

(f) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, municipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees of the subsidiaries performing emergency repair work on customer-owned facilities at the request of the customer.

(3) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to individuals licensed pursuant to chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, or certificated pursuant to chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code, as follows:

(a) Individuals holding a current heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) license or a current plumbing certification may install electrical circuitry from the disconnecting means to a water heater and electrical connections to the water heater as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.

(b) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install:

(i) Electrical space heaters with no attached ductwork;

(ii) Electrical connections to HVAC equipment from the disconnecting means to the unit as long as the disconnect is in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the HVAC equipment is no more than fifty (50) feet long; and

(iii) Ventilating fans, except ducted range hoods in residences.

(c) HVAC licensees may install control wiring of twenty-four (24) volt or less for HVAC equipment of five (5) tons or less in capacity. Plumbing certificate holders are not authorized to install control wiring in HVAC equipment, regardless of voltage.

(4) To the extent that a plumbing or HVAC installation permit issued by the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of an electrical installation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all required permit fees have been paid.